

author. I should be proud to be ; but I am not. It is. written by Legion, but I am one of them, and I bear the responsibility.^{1x} His chief coadjutors appear to have been Baron d'Haussez, a legitimist exile, who had been Minister of Marine in the last Ministry of Charles X., and Baron de Haber, 'a mysterious German gentleman of Jewish extraction,' as Dr. Smiles describes him. 'Beware, my dear, of secret agents,' wrote Isaac D'Israeli to his son, who had told him that he was about to startle Europe; 'beware of forgeries and delusions.' His son had all his life a certain weakness for mystery and intrigue, and disregarded the warning: but Murray, who, as publisher, bore the real responsibility, was less disposed to be venturesome, and insisted, to Disraeli's great annoyance, on the proofs being read by Croker. 'I have no desire,' writes the irritated author, 'to thrust my acquaintance on your critic. More than once I have had an opportunity to form that acquaintance, and more than once I have declined it.' It will be remembered that at the time of the *Representative* affair Disraeli had found reason for resenting Croker's interference, and the prejudice which had slumbered in his mind since then had just been reawakened by an incident of the present year. A few weeks before the letter to Murray Disraeli had failed in an attempt to secure election² to the Athenaeum, a club of which his father was one of the original members, and Croker practically the founder; and rightly or wrongly the Bradenham family laid the failure to the charge of Croker. We shall hear again of the antipathy which these things combined to foster.

The pamphlet, or book — for it runs to 300 pages — is a violent diatribe against the foreign policy of Palmerston and against the friendly understanding with France upon which this policy was for the moment based. The alliance between the two countries is, we are assured, 'un-

¹ Smiles's *Life of Murray*, II., p. 344.

² Under the rule allowing the Committee to elect annually a limited number of persons 'who have attained to distinguished eminence.' Disraeli did not become a member till 1866.

